(b) the amount of World Bank assistance spent for this purpose so far;

(c) the number of educational research centres set up with the help of World Bank assistance; and

(d) the funds proposed to be spent during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) The total No. of laboratories of Government Polytechnics being modernised with the World Bank assistance in Uttar Pradesh is 362. The amount spent for this purpose as on 31.12.96 is Rs. 135.90 million.

(c) The Educational Research Centres are not being established with the World Bank assistance.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

[English]

Nizam Sagar Project in A.P.

2426. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Nizam Sagar in Andhra Pradesh which used to provide irrigation facilities to the entire Nizamabad region has become silted and its potential has come down;

(b) if so, whether any proposal has been submitted by the State Government for desilting and improving the irrigation potential of Nizam Sagar;

(c) whether any World Bank/ADB assistance has been sought for revival of Nizam Sagar;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, whether any scheme has been proposed by the Union Government to revive the Nizam Sagar to develop the backward region of Nizamabad; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government has not submitted any proposal for desilting and improving the irrigation potential of Nizam Sagar. However, State Government is implementing "Improvement to Nizam Sagar" scheme.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Bridges in Maharashtra

2427. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of bridges constructed since 1994 on the National Highways in Maharashtra;

(b) the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether some proposals are pending with the Union Government regarding construction of the bridges on National Highways in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) 17 bridges costing Rs. 17.00 crores stand completed since 1994.

(c) and (d) 4 works have already been sanctioned in the current (1996-97) Plan. However, two works are under scrutiny.

Construction of School Buildings in M.P.

2428. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts in Madhya Pradesh in which Rajiv Gandhi Foundation has taken the job of construction and repair of the school buildings in hand; and

(b) the district-wise amount allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) The Department of Education in the Ministry of Human Resource Development has not released any funds to Rajiv Gandhi Foundation for construction and repair of school buildings.

[English]

Japanese Fever

2429. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that a number of deaths have taken place in Kerala due to the out break of 'Japanese Fever';

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the out break of this fever?